HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE HONOREES AND DISTINGUISHED FINALISTS OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS - STATE OF HAWAII'S 2015 YOUTH OF THE YEAR AWARDS.

WHEREAS, the Hawaii State House of Representatives is proud to recognize those exceptional individuals who have made significant achievements in their lives and who have had a positive impact on those around them; and

WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America is an organization that operates drop-in service facilities that provide a safe, supportive, non-judgmental, nurturing, and supervised environment where youth ages 9 to 17 years old can be themselves, interact with positive role models, and learn the values and skills that promote a successful future; and

WHEREAS, the annual Boys & Girls Clubs of America Youth of the Year program offers exceptional teens the opportunity to be recognized for choices and positive behavior that warrant celebration; this premier character and leadership program celebrates club members' service to the Club, community and family, academic performance, ethical values, life goals, poise, and public speaking ability, and fosters personal growth and leadership qualities; and

WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the State of Hawaii have chosen 16 members from across the state as Youth of the Year honorees, including ANNE-TONIE CASE of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Teen Center, BEN CORTEZ of the Hilo Clubhouse, COURTNEY GALARITA of the Lahaina Clubhouse, DAVID CACHERO of the Hale Pono Ewa Beach Clubhouse, ERNESTO YORO of the Hale Pono Ewa Beach Clubhouse, JASMINE GILMETE of the Charles C. Spalding Clubhouse, JAMIE GOMES of the Makawao Clubhouse, JA-ZJAH YAHIKU-YOUNG of the Waianae Clubhouse, JEFFREY JONES of the Waianae Clubhouse, KEANA REDD of the NFL YET Hawaii Nanakuli Clubhouse,

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LUKE RITA of the Kapaa Clubhouse, MICAH DUNN of the Aliamanu Military Reservation Youth Center, LUCY SLATERRY of Oahu's Windward Clubhouse, SARINA ANGEL of Maui's Central Clubhouse, SEDONA ESTOMO of the Haiku Clubhouse, and TORAE REDD of the NFL YET Hawaii Nanakuli Clubhouse; and

WHEREAS, the honorees have been narrowed down to five finalists: BEN CORTEZ, LUKE RITA, and SEDONA ESTOMO for the Boys and Girls Clubs - State of Hawaii's Youth of the Year; and ANNE-TONIE CASE and MICAH DUNN for the Boys and Girls Clubs - State of Hawaii's Military Youth of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the Boys and Girls Clubs - State of Hawaii's Youth of the Year finalist will go on to compete in the Pacific Region competition and to the national Youth of the Year competition, and the Boys and Girls Clubs - State of Hawaii's Military Youth of the Year finalist will join fellow finalists in the national Military Youth of the Year competition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, that this body hereby commends and congratulates the honorees and distinguished finalists of the Boys & Girls Clubs - State of Hawaii's Youth of the Year Awards, and wishes the finalists the best of luck as they move further through the competition.

OFFERED BY:

